

**Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger, Parks Director Shane Supple and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of December 14, 2010 as written, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

A. 1st reading proposed ordinance – Small scale amendment/Freeport Real Estate Inv.

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed ordinance on behalf of Freeport Real Estate Investments for a small scale amendment changing the future land use map on parcel #28-1S-19-23020-006-0010, containing 3.01 acres, from Rural Village to Medium Density Residential, allowing eight (8) units per acre. Councilman King motioned to approve 1st reading and to advertise for adoption the proposed ordinance as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title.

B. 1st reading proposed ordinance – Re-Zoning/Freeport Real Estate Inv.

Ms. Henninger presented a proposed ordinance on behalf of Freeport Real Estate Investments for re-zoning of parcel #28-1S-19-23020-006-0010, containing 3.01 acres, from Rural Village (RV) to Medium Density Residential (R2). Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the proposed ordinance as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title.

Ms. Henninger gave a brief update of grant applications that had been submitted.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Angie Jay, representing Preble-Rish notified the council that Rural Development has determined that they cannot make a 40 year loan with the Eglin easement only being for 25 years. She is continuing discussion to try to find a resolution.

Mayor Marse informed council he had met with DOT representatives regarding the relocation of the water lines on Highway 331 south. Council agreed to allow DOT subcontractors to design the project and be reviewed by City engineers.

IV. Old Business

1. Resolution approval – FRS enrollment

Councilman King motioned to table the item until the next regular council meeting, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Walton County Chamber of Commerce membership days

Bridget Ragan and Kitty Whitney, representing the Walton County Area Chamber of Commerce, gave an update of functions with the Chamber and requested that January 27 and 28, 2011 be designated as Membership Appreciation Days. With no resolution being presented, Clerk Haynes stated that a proclamation could be issued.

2. Wagon Wheel Road well improvements

No action was taken.

3. David Smith – Four Mile Road sewer lift station

Mr. David Smith, resident on Four Mile Road, presented a request to council to grant him an easement to his property in exchange for moving the lift station further on his property. The City does not own the easement area, and there is no road right of way. Discussion continued between Mr. Smith, council and attorney that included:

- Original approval to place lift station on his property, no document recorded
- County paved the road prior to Mayor taking office

- Easement granted by Ms. Gertrude Jackson for the County to pave road, resulting in her property blocking property on his side of road
- Mr. Smith's purchase of an easement into his property a few years ago, Attorney Adkinson stating that property was not, therefore, landlocked
- County placing bridge guardrail on his property
- Original stipulations between Mayor Marse and Mr. Smith for the site of the current lift station were not met (according to Mr. Smith, but he couldn't recall what they were)

Councilman Simmons motioned to authorize the Mayor to have the property that the lift station is being built on appraised, Councilman King seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President